

Remarks

It is respectfully requested that claims 1 - 3 and 6 - 20 be reconsidered for allowance in view of this Amendment and these Remarks.

Page 8 and the "Assignment" thereon is cancelled.

In a telephonic interview with Examiner Pauman on 5 August 2004, it was agreed that "15" would be replaced by "19" in the next to last sentence of paragraph 18.

It was also agreed that by Examiner's Amendment, claim 1 would be amended to include the subject matter of claims 4 and 5 and that claim 5 would recite a "discreet lever spring". In addition, it is requested that by Examiner's Amendment, claims 4 and 5 should be cancelled and claim 6 should be amended to depend from amended claim 1.

It was also agreed that that Fig. 3 should be amended by replacing ref. number "15" with "19". Accordingly, a new corrected Fig. 3 is submitted herewith to replace the originally filed Fig. 3.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully,

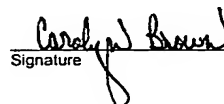

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Attachment: Corrected Fig. 3

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